

**CITY COMMISSION BUDGET MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018  
6:00 P.M.  
FORT MEADE MOBILE HOME PARK ACTIVITY CENTER  
1046 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> STREET  
FORT MEADE, FLORIDA 33841**

A Budget Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held at 6:00 PM Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at the Fort Meade City Mobile Home Park, 1046 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Fort Meade, Florida.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Mayor Cochrane.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Mayor	Richard Cochrane	Present
Vice Mayor	Robert Elliott	Present*
Commissioner	Maurice Nelson Campbell	Present
Commissioner	James Watts	Present
Commissioner	Barbara Manley	Present

\*Arrived at 6:13 p.m.

**Staff Present**

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Absent
City Attorney	Thomas Cloud	Absent
Deputy City Clerk	Melissa Cannon	Present
Public Works Director	Jackie Cannon	Present
Finance Director	Breanna Smith	Present
Library Director	Jacqueline Rose	Present
Parks/Fire Dept.	Roc Eiland	Present

Also present was PCSO Sgt. Warren Burgess

**3. FY 2018/2019 Budget Work Session:**

**3.A.** Consider addition of employee positions and Commission discretionary funds.

The following new positions as proposed by the City Manager:

Planner – Contract services with CFRPC. The contract for these services are still in negotiation with a proposed cost of \$20,000.

Assistant City Manager – This position will not be pursued at this time.

Public Works Director – Move this position from the electric department to the general fund.

Electric Supervisor – Hire a new employee to perform the electric supervisor duties and replace the Public Works Director position in the electric fund.

Mayor Cochrane requested a discretionary fund for the Commissioners in the amount of \$50,000 at the last budget meeting.

Ms. Breanna Smith stated that the electric department would have to fund these additional items and at this time it is not projected to have enough revenues to cover the cost of all items requested. Ms. Smith stated that the electric fund is projected to have \$145,069 to transfer to help repay for Hurricane Irma expenses, any over budget items as well as the requested items. Ms. Smith stated to pick and choose which items are necessary and recommended they not use all of the amount projected.

Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Manley questioned why a new electric supervisor would be hired in at the same rate of pay as the public works director who has also been the electric supervisor for several years. Much discussion ensued.

Commissioner Manley stated that the idea of the discretionary fund is great but maybe we can try it again next year.

Commissioner Manley directed staff to add the additional \$25,000 for the city manager salary and the \$88,658 for the electric supervisor to the budget and table the other two items with all commissioners in agreement.


4. **COMMENTS**

None.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Elliott to adjourn the Workshop of the Fort Meade City Commission on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 6:59 P.M.

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

  
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**Richard Cochrane, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Melissa Cannon, Deputy City Clerk**